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Additional Parking Planned For Snowmobile Use on Mirror Lake Highway

The Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Kamas will soon be conducting an Environmental Analysis for a proposed snowmobile parking lot along the popular Mirror Lake Highway. This proposed lot would be located on the north side of the highway just across from the existing parking area at the Soapstone Basin junction.

With the snowmobiling popularity of this area growing substantially each year, the current parking capacity is no longer sufficient in meeting the demand. Overflow parking of vehicles along the edge of the Mirror Lake Highway creates problems for snowplowing crews and also creates serious traffic safety concerns due to the large number of vehicles and pedestrians confined to a relatively small space. The new parking lot would provide for an additional 50 vehicles and their snowmobile trailers. It would be designed to allow for orderly flow and parking of vehicles and safe access to and from the highway. A two-unit restroom facility would also be constructed at one end of the parking lot. To allow for summertime use approximately 5-10 picnic tables and fireplace rings would be located on the perimeter of the parking area.

As part of the environmental analysis of this proposal, District Ranger, Melissa Blackwell stated "we would like to provide the interested public opportunities to participate in the process of determining appropriate uses for this extremely popular area of the National Forest". In order to facilitate public interest, the Forest Service will conduct two on-site visits to the proposed parking lot. On either July 29 or Aug. 1, anyone interested in visiting this protect site should meet at the Forest Service office in Kamas at 10 a.m.. Person who can not attend one of the on-site visits may address any questions or comments to the District Ranger Melissa Blackwell, 50 Center Street, Box 68. Kamas. UT 84036, (801) 783-4338 or Recreation Specialist Jim Tallerico, 8230 Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84138, (801) 524-5030.

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